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WHEREAS, recent interpretation applied by the Office of Management and Budget in conjunction with current Federal regulations (FMC 74-4) requires the individual recipients of grant monies to document expenditures for equipment in a manner that permits in-house development of rates for all classes of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the required in-house documentation of equipment rates by each individual grant recipient is very time consuming and expensive; especially for small organizations and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that the Office of Audit and Investigation of the Department of Interior, in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget establish appropriate regional or state equipment use rates.

Resolution 18

PITTMAN-ROBERTSON PROJECT INCIDENTAL REVENUES

WHEREAS, Pittman-Robertson funds are, by statute, allotted to the states for wildlife restoration purposes; and

WHEREAS, certain management activities designed to create or enhance wildlife habitat or to perpetuate and manage wildlife populations may incidentally generate revenue from activities such as grazing by domestic livestock, timber management, access easements, et cetera; and

WHEREAS, most states contribute far in excess of the 25 percent matching requirement, absorbing much administrative and/or indirect costs associated with Federal Aid projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies that only such revenue exceeding five percent (5%) of the Pittman-Robertson apportionment to the particular state be credited directly to the State PR fund or reprogrammed to specific restoration projects.

Resolution 19

EXPANSION OF DINGELL-JOHNSON PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act approved by Congress in 1950 levies a 10 percent excise tax on certain items of fishing tackle, namely rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies; and

WHEREAS, the Dingell-Johnson program has provided in excess of \$250 million to states for creation of new fishing waters, renovation of substandard waters, provision of thousands of water recreation access sites, and funding for hundreds of fishing research projects with attendant improvement of fishing opportunities and scientific knowledge of fishing resources; and

WHEREAS, the Dingell-Johnson funds have greatly improved boating opportunity and boating sales; and

WHEREAS, additional investments are needed to offset fishing water losses to energy developments, agricultural diversions, and other consumptive water uses and to meet increasing demands for fishing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the recreational boat and motor industry with annual new unit sales volume of over \$1 billion is exempt from the Dingell-Johnson excise tax; and

WHEREAS, it has been established that fishing is the primary use of recreational boating equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the Congress to amend the Dingell-Johnson program to establish a one percent federal manufacturer's excise tax on items such as new recreational boats, boat trailers, and outboard motors.